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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NEW CHARTER AGREEMENT

1. DEPARTMENT CALLED IN STRBAC, ACTING DCM OF YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND INFORMED HIM OF SERIOUS SITUATION CAUSED BY REPEATED AND RECENT JAT VIOLATIONS OF US CHARTER REGULATIONS. EUR/EE ACTING DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF US DELEGATION FOR US/YUGOSLAV CHARTER NEGOTIATIONS STRESSED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBLE DISTURBANCE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THIS AREA OF GROWING IMPORTANCE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS AND FINES IF VIOLATIONS CONTINUE.

2. STRBAC WAS GIVEN CAB LISTING OF CHARTER REGULATIONS THAT JAT HAD VIOLATED PLUS A LISTING OF CHARTER FLIGHTS THAT WERE "DENIED BECAUSE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THEY WERE NOT CHARTERWORTHY" AND LISTING OF FLIGHTS THAT WERE APPROVED ON HARDSHIP BASIS ONLY. AREAS WHERE JAT HAD VIOLATED VARIOUS CHARTER REGULATIONS WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL,
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STRBAC PROMISED HE WOULD TAKE MATTER UP WITH JAT AND

YUGOSLAV CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS IN EFFORT ENSURE AGAINST
REPETITION OF VIOLATIONS.

3. AT REQUEST OF CAB (LETTER BEING POUCHED), YUGOSLAVS
WERE (A) NOTIFIED THAT WE CONSIDERED PATTERN OF VIOLATIONS
HAVE BEEN SUCH THAT US WOULD NOT HESITATE TO INVOKE
ANNEX A II A.(3) (F) OF THE BILATERAL IF FURTHER VIOLATIONS
OCCURRED AFTER SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT AND (B) REMINDED THAT
JAT COULD BE FINED FOR VIOLATING US LAW (EITHER BEFORE OR
AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED).

4. STRBAC EXPRESSED FULL RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE OF
CHARTER SERVICES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BILATERAL CHARTER AGREE-
MENT TO BE SIGNED SEPTEMBER 27 WOULD SERVE AS A LANDMARK
IN US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS.

5. COPIES OF THESE LISTINGS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED TO
EMBASSY BY AIR POUCH ALONG WITH LETTER FROM CAB TO THE
DEPARTMENT CONCERNING YUGOSLAV VIOLATIONS (SEE PARA 3)
AND A LISTING OF RECENT CIVIL PENALTIES PAID TO THE CAB
BY US AND VARIOUS FOREIGN AIRLINES. KISSINGER

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